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1. On the morning of 29 August 1951, 10 boxcar loads of troops, 20 trucks and 10 x 57-mm AT guns were loaded at the Lieberose (W 52/A 49) railroad station.

A railroadman said that the two trains were dispatched toward Cottbus. A unit of undetermined type and strength was detained at the Lieberose railroad station during the night of 30 August. (1)

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3. On 29 August, a balloon measuring about 1.5 meters in diameter was seen ascending over the training area. After about one hour, a truck left to recover the balloon and returned with it about 15 minutes later. The truck was occupied by a lieutenant colonel whom source knew to belong to a unit from Frankfurt/Oder. On the same day, a unit was observed practicing with rocket launchers in the Leeskow-Gross Luckrow-Goyatz area. Live rockets were subsequently fired on the Brand artillery range.

4. Several Soviet Air Force officers were seen at the Division headquarters during the last days of August. The replacement of German kitchen personnel and waitresses by Soviet women started at the headquarters mess. The officers' kitchens and post exchanges were next on the list of installations to be operated exclusively by Soviet women. It was also said that the German personnel of the central construction office would be replaced by Soviet engineers. (3)

5. The troops at Lieberose were still in their summer camp by 6 September. There were no indications of a forthcoming departure.

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The Lieberose-Pietz road was blocked to civilian traffic on 4 September because of firing practice with live ammunition. An undetermined number of T-34 and JS tanks were seen practicing on either side of the Lieberose-Pietz road on 6 September.

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Comments.

- (1) [redacted] the two trains dispatched from Lieberose carried headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, probably including a component of the 312th Gds RL Regt on the second train. It is possible that the departing and arriving units were some of those components of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which went to Jueterbog for training cycles. [redacted]
- (2) [redacted] the unit being loaded may have been the 200th Gds AA Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div.
- (3) The replacement of German female employees by Soviet women has been reported previously. [redacted]
- (4) The information confirms the components of the 7th Gds Mecz Div at the Lieberose troop training grounds until 6 September 1951. [redacted]

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